

DELTA PROTECTION COMMISSION
MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE 2009 – PLANNING ADVISORY TEAM
January 27, 2009 Meeting Summary

1. Welcome and Introductions

Linda Fiack, Delta Protection Commission (DPC), and Dorian Fougères, Center for Collaborative Policy, CSUS, welcomed Management Plan Update Planning Advisory Team (PAT) members to their eighth meeting. The objectives of the meeting were to (1) review input from the preliminary draft public workshops and DPC members, and (2) consider revising preliminary draft amendments for public review in February and Commission review in March.

2. Review of Input from Preliminary Draft Public Workshops

Dorian reviewed the discussion themes from the public workshops in Walnut Grove and Stockton. These included (1) defining “inappropriate development”; (2) specifying “appropriate buffers”; (3) the relationship between new non-agricultural residential development and support infrastructure & flood protection; (4) appropriate reference dates for zoning and general plan designations (i.e., 1992 or 2009); (5) defining what constitutes “agriculture-related housing”; and (6) the role that Delta waterways should play in moving water to and from the State’s natural and developed water systems.

3. Revisions to Preliminary Draft Plan

The Team then worked through an extensive matrix of public comments from the workshops, organized by element and policy. The Team made numerous changes. These will be reflected in a revised Public Review Draft of the Plan.

In addition to the policies, the Team also made two structural suggestions. First, an index should be added to the Plan. Second, because applicable legislation changes over time, the Plan will (1) have an appendix that lists applicable legislation at the time of publication, and (2) points to a webpage on the DPC website that maintains a current list of applicable legislation. This webpage will be divided by topic (e.g., flood legislation), include a list of policies that deal with this subject (e.g., Levees Policy x and y), and then list the legislation (e.g., SB .., AB ..). In addition, the DPC Strategic Plan will include a list of applicable legislation when it is released. Each of these measures is intended to make it easier for users of the plan to identify legislation that deals with key issues in the Delta.

4. Next Steps

The public will have the opportunity to review this Public Review Draft at two public workshops. The first workshop will be held on February 4, 2009, at the Isleton Community Center in Isleton, from 5:30 to 9 PM, and the second on February 11, 2009, at the Courtland Auditorium in Courtland, from 5:30 to 9 PM. The purpose of the workshops is for the DPC to receive public input on the public review draft. Ideas generated at the public sessions will be reviewed by the PAT at their next meeting in early March, 2009 (date to be determined).

5. Attendance

In room:

Peggy Bohl (public)
Doug Brown
Andy Moran (public)
Topper van Loben Sels
Mark Wilson

Dennis Nunn (public)

On telephone:

Lucia Becerra
Kathy Kelly

DPC and CCP Staff:

Linda Fiack, DPC
Dorian Fougères, CCP
Alex Westhoff, DPC